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To: Mayor Reed and City Council,

The North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association requests that the City Council defer the ballot measure to use parkland for Fire Station 37 until after the Fire Department completes its modeling of the mitigation measures and includes demographic and housing forecasts in modeling predicted improvements.

North Willow Glen is concerned that Station 30 on Auzerais will become overburdened with the addition of a portion of Station 6's current area in light of the plans to densify areas around Delmas Park, Diridon Station, Midtown and the western portion of downtown.

Given that North Willow Glen is a neighborhood of narrow streets with limited access, older homes in close proximity to each other and a demographic of both an aging population and an increasing number of new families we have a higher need for fire and EMS services than outlying neighborhoods. We are concerned that the increasing density in other areas serviced by Station 30 will require what should be supplemental service from Station 37 to become our primary provider. We believe this will not serve our needs adequately.

The North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association respectfully requests that the measure to use parkland for Fire Station 37 be deferred until after the Fire Department has completed it's modeling for impacts of mitigations and densification using both historic and projected data.

Sincerely,

North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association [Representing over 600 households]

Board Members